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Wellborn To Speak On Baptist Hour



CHARLES WELLBORN

The Baptist Radio Commission in Atlanta has announced that Charles Wellborn will be the speaker on the Baptist Hour for the first quarter of 1951. The general theme for that period will be "THIS IS GOD'S HOUR."

The Broadcasts will be by transcription, and the programs are available without cost to any local stations or Baptist groups interested in carrying them.

Marked Copies Will Save Letters

Each year we print a notice that there will be no issue of The Baptist Record during Christmas week. And each year we receive letters asking that we send a copy of the Christmas issue as the writers failed to receive a copy. Heretofore we have taken the time to reply and explain why there was no Christmas issue and to call attention to the notice about it in a previous issue.

This year in order to save time we are having a few extra copies of this issue printed. Instead of letters, all who write about missing the next issue will be mailed a copy of this issue with this article marked.

Rev. Howard Aultman, pastor of the First Church, Holly Springs, will be the speaker on the Mississippi Radio Hour on December 24 and 31, using the theme "Looking Unto Jesus." His subject will be "Behold! The Lamb of God" and "The Bride of Christ."

Mr. Aultman will be heard over the following stations: at 8 a. m. over WHBQ, Memphis; WRBC, Jackson; WLOX, Biloxi; WRJW, Picayune and at 9 a. m. over WROB, West Point.

MANTEE PASTOR INJURED AS PASTORIUM BURNS

Fire completely destroyed the Baptist pastorium at Mantee on Saturday morning Dec. 9. Pastor Stanley Smith was seriously injured and is now a patient at Houston Hospital.

Fire destroyed all household goods, including a new electric stove, and several woolen blankets and quilts and other articles given his bride by his congregations at his three churches, Mantee, Montpelier and Pine Bluff. This included gifts at showers when he and his wife

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1953 SBC Stewardship Promotion To Include Simultaneous Study

NOTICE TO TREASURERS

Be sure to mail your Mission money in before December 31. Receipts will be published in Baptist Record for the year 1950 in January.

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BP)—Southern Baptists will engage in a simultaneous stewardship week in 1953 if a recommendation of the promotion committee of the Executive Committee is carried out. Plans call for a week of stewardship studies in the Convention's 27,245 churches. The simultaneous effort will be preceded in 1952 by a general stewardship week emphasis. The report was presented here to the S.B.C. Executive Committee by Dr. Norris Palmer, chairman of the promotion committee.

The report also called for a promotion conference of state secretaries, state editors, S.B.C. institution representatives and the promotion committee to meet at Biloxi, Miss., May 15-17, 1951. The purpose of the meeting will be to study long range needs of Southern Baptist Convention promotional needs and to find ways and means of more concerted promotional emphasis.

The 1951 promotional emphasis will be three fold: (1) The Cooperative Program (2) Every Member Canvass and (3) tithing and Tithers Enlistment Visitation. The emphasis will be directed by Dr. Merrill D. Moore. The Cooperative Program is the Convention's plan to raise ten million dollars for Southern Convention mission needs and an estimated fourteen million for state institutional needs. The Every Member Canvass is the plan for enlisting pledges from the Convention's 6,761,000 members. Tithers Enlistment Visitation is a method for teaching tithing in the homes of the people by means of a special prepared turnover chart.

The promotional program will be supported by the Convention's publicity program and geared to the 117 papers and magazines published by Southern

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A Call To Prayer

BY DR. DUKE K. McCALL
Executive Secretary
Southern Baptist Convention
Executive Committee

Southern Baptists are called to make Sunday, December 31, a day of prayer.

Upon the reading of a memorial from the North Carolina Baptist Convention, the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee and all of the state secretaries and editors present united in calling every one of the 27,285 churches and the 6,761,265 Southern Baptists to prayer.

The world situation forces us to our knees in repentance and petition. Our one hope in this hour is that God may hear the cry of his people and for the elect's sake intervene in the events of history to give us yet another chance to preach the gospel to the whole creation.

Southern Baptists must pray that God will keep open the doors for mission advance around the world. Already open doors in China, in India, and in Colombia, South America, have been closed by the turn of world events. Again, we must ask God to provide the opportunity

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Christmas Greetings

*All here in the Baptist Building wish
you all who read these words a Happy
Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.*

*The year 1950 has been a great year for
Mississippi Baptists and your cooperation
and support, your prayers and encouragement
have meant much to us.*

Robert L. Linder

Mrs. Fannie Fuller

J. E. Lane

Mary Copley

Lophyria Copley

Nell Cotton

Andrew Dilly

James Campbell

Chas. W. Holmes

Mrs. Charles Bingham

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Nell Taylor

Franklyn Burney

Annice Keyes

Albie W. Gault

Bernice McInnis Nettie Rex Taylor

Mrs. Tom Temple Harry Spencer

Mrs. L. V. Cooper

A. L. Goodrich

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Mrs. W. Doss Smith

E. G. Williams

Karl W. Butler

Mrs. Lucile W. Smith

Carolyn Madison

W. R. Roberts

Edwin

James B. Parker

W. C. Morgan

Andrew J. Willis

Alene Johnson

Louise Hill

Nancy Lowmy

Jaden Walton

1952 S.B.C. Convention Budget Provides Home Mission Advance

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BP)—The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention meeting here the second week in December looked ahead for two years in planning the Convention budget, and made provisions for the capital needs of two new seminaries and for home mission participation in the 1952 Advance Program.

1952 Convention Budget

The 1952 Convention budget came before the committee for preview and endorsement. Dr. R. Paul Candill, Tenn., presented the report of the finance committee calling for a ten million dollar goal to be divided as follows:

Convention Operating Budget	\$ 252,000
Current Operating Expenses	4,500,000
Capital Needs	2,500,000

Advance Program—All over seven million dollars and the Convention operating budget.

The recommendations were adopted by the Executive Committee to be referred to the Southern Baptist Convention in annual session next June 20-24, San Francisco.

The 1952 Southern Convention operating budget of \$252,000, if approved by the Convention, will be divided as follows:

Convention Expenses, including Annual	\$ 45,000
Special Committees	10,000
Executive Committee	75,000
Southern Baptist Foundation	15,000
Education Commission	15,000
Historical Society	18,000
Social Service Commission	12,500
Public Affairs Committee	11,500
Reserve Fund	50,000
	\$252,000

The historical society received an increase of \$3,000 over their 1950 allocation in order to establish the society in its new headquarters at Nashville and to procure historical materials.

The 1952 Southern Convention current operating budget of \$4,500,000, if approved by the Convention, will be divided as follows:

Foreign Mission Board	\$2,250,000	(50 per cent)
Home Mission Board	660,015	(14.667 per cent)
Relief and Annuity Board	550,040	(11.112 per cent)
Southern Baptist Seminary	200,025	(4.445 per cent)
Southwestern Seminary	200,025	(4.445 per cent)
New Orleans Seminary	200,025	(4.445 per cent)
Southeastern Seminary	100,035	(2.223 per cent)
Golden Gate Seminary	100,035	(2.223 per cent)
W.M.U. Training School	40,050	(.980 per cent)
American Baptist Seminary	45,000	(1.000 per cent)
Southern Baptist Hospital	40,050	(.890 per cent)
Baptist Brotherhood	49,950	(1.110 per cent)
Radio Commission	90,000	(2.000 per cent)
Baptist World Alliance	24,750	(.550 per cent)

\$4,500,000

Distribution of 1952 capital needs funds will be determined next year in line with established business procedure of the Convention.

1952 Advance Program funds (all over seven million dollars and the Convention operating budget) will be divided 25 per cent to home missions and 75 per cent to foreign missions.

1952 Capital Needs Funds

Division of 1951 capital need funds, expected to total \$2,500,000, was recommended by the committee on re-survey capital needs of S.B.C. agencies, Henry W. Tiffany, Norfolk, Va., chairman. If finally approved by the 1951 Southern Baptist Convention, division will be as follows:

Southeastern Seminary	\$ 300,000	(12 per cent)
Golden Gate Seminary	150,000	(6 per cent)
Southern Seminary	300,000	(12 per cent)
Southwestern Seminary	300,000	(12 per cent)
New Orleans Seminary	375,000	(15 per cent)
American Seminary	26,250	(1.05 per cent)
Foreign Missions	300,000	(12 per cent)
Home Missions	300,000	(12 per cent)
Relief and Annuity Board	346,250	(13.85 per cent)
Radio Commission	40,000	(1.6 per cent)
Southern Baptist Hospital	25,000	(1 per cent)
Brotherhood	7,500	(0.3 per cent)

\$2,500,000

Two new institutions were included for the first time in the capital needs budget. Southeastern Seminary will receive \$300,000 to apply on the purchase of a campus at Wake Forest, N. C. Golden Gate Seminary will receive \$150,000 to apply on capital developments.

The Radio Commission was granted \$15,000 additional funds on the condition that the Commission liquidate all indebtedness during 1951.

Bill Watson Accepts Houston Pastorate



REV. BILL WATSON

Rev. Bill Watson has resigned his position as Educational Director of the First Church, McComb and will begin his service as pastor of the Houston Church, effective January 1. He succeeds Rev. D. D. Satterwhite, who resigned to accept the Rolling Fork pastorate.

Mr. Watson has formerly served as pastor of Sebree, Kentucky and as Educational Director at Calvary Church, Tupelo; First, Louisville, and First, Pensacola, Florida.

Mrs. Watson is the former Ann Ballard of Tupelo. They have one son, four years old.

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A Call To Prayer

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as his people provide the means and the missionaries for the proclamation of the gospel around the world.

It is significant that the great evangelistic crusade east of the Mississippi River planned for April, 1951, has already created a Convention-wide emphasis on prayer and the study of prayer. It is fitting that we should make the last day of this year a day of united prayer for peace and for power that at home and around the world God's will may be done and multitudes may be saved.

1953 SBC Stewardship

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Baptists. Basic in the promotion are the 22 state newspapers circulating nearly one million weekly. Also basic are the publications of the Divisions of Publications of the Executive Committee, Albert McClellan, director. The publications include: (1) the Baptist Program, a magazine for the Convention's 23,000 ministers, (2) Baptist Bulletin Service, a weekly service to 600,000 Baptists, (3) Baptist Press, a news service serving the 22 Baptist weeklies, (4) S.B.C. Mat Service, a procedure for the supplying of stewardship mats and cuts to newspapers and churches (5) Tracts for stewardship purposes.

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Mantee Pastor Injured

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were wed in October.

Mrs. Smith escaped unhurt.

They were awakened early in the morning and saw that the roof was aflame. The Rev. Mr. Smith ran into the living-room, and was enveloped in flames. Mrs. Smith broke out a window, and got out. Her husband was burned when he went into the livingroom before going out of the window. Not long after they escaped the roof collapsed.

It was believed that the fire was caused by a faulty flu.

Editor's Note: We know of no better time to be a friend to Pastor and Mrs. Smith than now. Contributions of money or material should be sent to Rev. Stanley Smith, P. O. Box 143, Mantee. We have sent ours.

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A GRAPHIC ACCOUNT OF SACRIFICIAL labors of missionaries throughout the world is given in the book **WORLD MISSIONS**, by Martha L. Moennich, who has visited 50 countries and worked with 53 missionary organizations. The crying need for missions is the chief emphasis in this heart-stirring volume. Order from the Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Mich., or from the Baptist Book Store. Price \$2.00.

Restudy Agreements

A committee of five was appointed to confer with a committee of the state secretaries or the entire body of state secretaries to restudy the plan of cooperation between the states and the Southern Baptist Convention printed in the Southern Baptist Convention Annual of 1934. The committee is composed of Dr. Louie D. Newton, chairman, Dr. Leon M. Latimer, Dr. J. W. Storer, Dr. Adiel Moncrief, Jr., and Dr. J. Winston Pierce.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be held in San Francisco on June 19, 1951, the day before the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention. The regular summer meeting of the Executive Committee will be held September 12-13 at Nashville.

Training Union And Music Convention Reservations

There are plenty of rooms available at the Gilmer and Alexandra Hotels, and the Columbus Tourist Court, for the Training Union and Music Convention Thursday and Friday, December 28 and 29.

Prices start at \$1.25 per person, per day.

Write or wire Hotel or Court direct for reservation.

MEETINGS IN NASHVILLE

By CHESTER L. QUARLES
Executive Secretary

Last week there were several outstanding and important meetings held in Nashville, Tennessee. It was the time of the regular meeting of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention. In addition to that, the Sunday School Board met. The annual meeting of the Baptist Student Union Secretaries was held. A meeting of the Secretaries of Evangelism of the various states of the Southern Baptist Convention was conducted by Dr. C. E. Matthews.

A special committee on Promotion met prior to the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, and the Committee on the Order of Business for the next Southern Baptist Convention met, also. You can see that last week was a very busy week for Southern Baptists and state leaders in the City of Nashville, Tennessee.

Spirit of Men

The observation which was most impressive to the writer was the spirit of the men who were present. There was a deep solemnity among us all. Never have I seen such a spirit to prevail among our leaders as did during those days. The weight of the world was upon the shoulders of us all. The acute condition of our country and the world was constantly referred to. More time was spent in prayer than I have ever witnessed before in such meetings. Our utter dependence upon God and His leadership and guidance was reflected upon constantly.

Certainly, we can make spiritual progress with that kind of spirit and with that kind of leadership. To anyone who has any doubts concerning the leadership of the Southern Baptist Convention life has only to attend such meetings to have every doubt removed. Our leaders are great spiritual men. They are men who believe in prayer. They are men of faith and hope. They are men who have no desire to "wreck or ruin." They are men who desire to cooperate in the major things.

Evangelism

For two days and two nights, the state Executive Secretaries and the Secretaries of Evangelism of the states of the Southern Baptist Convention met. Much time was spent in prayer and planning for the Evangelistic Crusade to be held in the churches east of the Mississippi River, March 25-April 8. The men from west of the Mississippi River gave to the others the benefit of their experience during 1950. The conferences were most helpful and stimulating. It is obvious that great plans are being made in all of the states.

Mississippi Report

It was possible for the Mississippi Executive Secretary to report that every association in our state has at least a Chairman of Evangelism and that all but five of the associations have completed the organization of their Steering Committees. Many associations are having regular meetings to make careful plans in regard to having the best possible Crusade in their association. Such plans, promotion, and prayer will bring spiritual results, we know.

Promotion

A special committee on Promotion

DUBLIN PROGRESSES

Dublin Church in Jefferson Davis County has voted to promote a half-time program. A Training Union has been organized and a new gas system installed.

Recently a Youth Revival was held in which Rev. Barney Walker, Jr., was the visiting evangelist. Two young people surrendered their lives to Christ.

Rev. Charlie L. Bryant is the pastor.

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AT LEAST THREE MISSISSIPPIANS are serving as presidents of state conventions. They are: Purser Hewitt, Mississippi; Dr. Edgar Godbold, Louisiana; Dr. Elwynn Wilkinson, Kentucky.

was called on Monday morning. During that time, the matter of Tithers Enlistment Visitation was carefully considered. It was reported that wherever it has been given a good trial, it has proven remarkably efficient. Pastors and state leaders were high in their praise of the effectiveness of this technique in bringing the great spiritual message of tithing to our people generally. It was called to our attention that simply writing about and preaching about tithing will not get the larger result that we must have. We must take this matter of the Bible message of tithing to every person. Personal work is demanded. We can only do it through the "heart-to-heart" method. An intelligent use of the turn-over chart and its accompanying literature, tracts, etc., will cause many people to have real spiritual experience in the matter of the stewardship of possessions.

Brethren, let's push the matter of "T. E. V."

To Teach At Parkway



PROF. CECIL M. JONES

Prof. Cecil M. Jones, head of the Bible Department at Mississippi Woman's College, Hattiesburg, will teach Dr. R. G. Lee's book, "The Bible and Prayer" at the Parkway Church, Jackson, during the Bible Study Emphasis Week, January 1-5, 1951. Dr. Jones is a graduate of Mississippi College at Clinton and of the Southern Seminary at Louisville, Kentucky.

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THE BOARD OF TEMPERANCE of the Methodist Church recently released some more revealing, as well as astonishing figures. Among them is the fact that more money is being spent for alcoholic beverages than for milk and dairy products in the United States. No doubt many of our readers can point to cases in their own community where money which should go for milk for the children is being spent for whiskey by the parents.

LEADERSHIP CONFERENCES and LAYMEN'S RALLIES

First Week			Second Week			Third Week		
January	8	Richton	January	15	Raleigh	January	22	Grenada, First
	9	Gulfport, First		16	New Hope (Lauderdale)		23	Batesville
	10	Columbia, First		17	Louisville, First		24	Baldwyn
	11	Friendship, McComb		18	Durant		25	New Albany First
	12	Van Winkle Jackson		19	Indianola		26	Aberdeen
World Missions			Church in Action			Stewardship		
Dr. Harold Basden			Dr. S. F. Dowis			Dr. Merrill D. Moore		
Dr. S. R. Woodson			Dr. Clifford Walker			Dr. Harry L. Spencer		
Dr. G. Norman Price			Rev. Sam Scantlan			Rev. Martin J. Gilbert		
			Mr. W. C. Morgan			Evangelism		
						Rev. Chester L. Quarles		
						Dr. A. L. Goodrich		
						Laymen		
						Mr. George Schroeder		
						Dr. Harry L. Spencer		
						Mr. W. R. Roberts		
						Rev. Chester L. Quarles		

Meetings Will Begin Promptly at 9:45 A. M.

Lunch Will Be Served By Host Church

Laymen's Rallies Will Begin Promptly At 7:30 P. M.

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A Personal Word From The Editor

With this issue of the BAPTIST RECORD the editor completes nine years in the editorial chair. Before that he had served seven years as circulation manager or a total of 16 years with the BAPTIST RECORD.

He would if he could extend in person his hearty thanks to the multitude of readers who have taken time to write letters of encouragement and approval and even a few who have felt constrained to disapprove. But whatever the nature of the comment, they are welcomed. No man is perfect and we appreciate the letters that approved and those that offered suggestions or criticism. They have helped, and we need all the help we can get.

With all the sincerity of his soul the Editor wishes for every reader, a joyful CHRISTMAS and a happy NEW YEAR.

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A Great State Mission Program

The Convention Board, at its recent annual session in Jackson, set forth a challenging State Mission Program.

In order that all may thoroughly understand the meaning of the great program adopted, we explain below the budget, item by item, except a few that are self-explanatory. The complete budget was printed last week.

Church Buildings Evangelism, \$10,000. This money is used to aid churches in erecting houses of worship.

Negro Work, 13,500. Most of this is used for Negro preacher training. These schools are helping

Negro pastors better prepare themselves for pastoral service.

Indian Work, \$2,000. This money is used to help the Indians located in Mississippi in their work.

B.S.U. Campus Work, 14,000. This is to support B.S.U. secretaries at the various schools throughout the state.

B.S.U. Department, \$10,080. This money is for the work of the State B.S.U. Department under the direction of State B.S.U. Secretary Charles W. Horner.

Sunday School Department \$20,000. This money is used for the Sunday School work under the leadership of State Sunday School Secretary, Dr. E. C. Williams.

Training Union Department, \$20,000. This money supports the Training Union Department which is led by State Training Union Secretary, Auber J. Wilds.

Evangelistic Conference, \$1,200. This money is used for the annual Evangelistic Conference. The next Conference will be held at Jackson, Jan. 30-Feb. 1.

Historical Society, \$500. This small sum is used under the direction of Dr. J. L. Boyd, who is trying to collect and preserve Mississippi Baptist History.

Board Employees Retirement Plan, Ministers' Retirement Plan, and Widows Supplemental Plan, \$26,000. All these items are for the Board Employees, Ministers and Minister's Widows' Retirement Plan. It provides protection for preachers who reach the age of 65 or who become disabled at any time after one year's membership in the plan and for their widows.

State Mission Promotion and Tracts, \$1,500. This is used to print tracts and booklets and other things to promote our State Mission work.

Institutional Work, \$4,765. This money supports the institutional visitation work done by Rev. J. B. Parker. He regularly visits the

Jackson hospitals, and the Veterans Administration Hospital.

Pastoral Aid, \$7,500. This money is used to supplement pastor's salaries where because of local conditions the church cannot pay a reasonable salary.

Service Men's Aid, \$1,200. This money is used by the First Church, Biloxi, for its Service Mens' Program. Keesler Field is a permanent army school and the Service Men's Program of First Church, Biloxi, reaches many of them.

Brotherhood Department, \$11,540. The Brotherhood is one of our youngest and fastest growing departments. W. R. Roberts is secretary and the above amount supports his department.

Associational Missions, \$22,000. This money is used to supplement the salaries of Associational Missionaries in associations that have a missionary.

Preachers Bible School, \$1,000. The school was held last year at the Baptist Headquarters. Three are planned this year.

Temperance, \$5,000. This money is used for what it says, temperance promotion.

Associational Missionary Institute, \$300. This money is used to help pay the expenses of the Annual Associational Missionary Institute which is held at Clarke College. The Associational Missionaries meet once a year to discuss their problems and make plans to do better work.

Chinese Missions, \$1,200. This is the Chinese work at Greenville under the direction of Rev. D. I. Young.

W.M.U. Department, \$22,000 from the Cooperative Program and \$9,500 from the State Mission Budget. The latter amount is for the support of all the field activities of the W.M.U. under the direction of Miss Edwina Robinson, Executive Secretary.

The Department of Rural



COME TO CHURCH

During this great season, let your faith be reborn and nourished at the services in our Church. Come with your family and partake of the rich program of Christmas inspired music.

Church Work, \$6,500. This department is under the direction of Rev. Martin J. Gilbert and, in most cases, works with rural churches.

Natchez College, \$750. This is to aid in Bible teaching by this Negro college.

Sanitorium, \$600. This money is used to provide a chaplain to visit patients at the Sanitorium. The work is done by Rev. J. B. Smith of Magee.

Braille Evangel, \$100. This is used to help publish a magazine for blind people.

Bible Teacher, Co-Lin Junior College, \$180. This money is used to pay a small honorarium for a Bible teacher.

Bible Teacher, Perkinson Junior College, \$180. The same as above.

Bible Teacher, Hinds Junior College, \$180. The same as above.

Music, \$5,000. This money is for the newly created department of music. W. C. Morgan is the secretary.

Radio, \$1,080. This amount was needed to pay for broadcasting through December, 1950. The program is to be discontinued on January 1, 1951.

Penitentiary Religious Supplies, \$250. This money is for Bibles, Testaments and other things needed by the chaplain and for which the state of Mississippi does not provide.

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Training Union Convention

The 15th annual Training Union Convention will be held in Columbus, December 27-28. Although all its work will be compressed into four sessions, there will be a great deal of work, study and inspiration.

This Convention will have, as have the others, a tremendous influence on the lives of those who attend and on the work in the churches throughout Mississippi.

Training Union Secretary Auber J. Wilds and his co-workers, have planned a great program and loaded it with speakers of ability and reputation.

The program as prepared under the direction of Secretary Wilds is planned to include all church members, pastors, educational directors, and the workers in all departments. A generous portion of the program will be given to departmental and sectional meetings, led by outstanding Baptist leaders. In these conferences the individual worker will find his own interests and responsibilities dealt with in a very vital and detailed manner. Of course, the Convention will have a very definite relationship to the Simultaneous Revivals in March. Plans for cooperation will be made and stress will be placed on Evangelism, both in the sectional meetings and in the assemblies.

Any leader who fails to attend will be just that much worse off.

A treat is in store for those who go.

GOING PLACES

By A. L. GOODRICH

DURANT

While the pastor, Rev. C. M. Day, was visiting at Liberty and taking part in an anniversary celebration, we had the privilege of supplying at Durant.

The work has grown in a satisfactory manner under the pastorate of Mr. Day.

James Hayes serves as Minister of Music and Youth Director. A Youth Rally is held each Saturday night and the attendance is good.

There are three choirs, a junior, an adult and an intermediate. Also girls' ensemble renders excellent service.

There were good crowds on hand at both services. We understand that all the organizations are functioning in an excellent manner. Boyd Moss is superintendent of the Sunday School; Robert Ray, director of the Training Union; Mrs. Leon Engleman, president of the W.M.U., and J. O. Ritter, president of the Brotherhood.

Record readers in Holmes County are now listed as follows: BEULAH, 23; Bowling Green, 1; CRUGER, 27; DURANT, 204; Ebenezer, 1; GOODMAN, 76; HORSESHOE, 28; LEXINGTON, 156; MT. PLEASANT, 40; Oak Grove, 16; PLEASANT RIDGE, 37; TCHULA, 46; WEST, 32; PICKENS, 51; Mt. Vernon, 1; Oregon, 12.

THEY HELPED US REACH THE 68,000 MARK

Churches in all sections of the state helped the Baptist Record top the 68,000 mark in circulation. Among those adding ten or more to their EVERY FAMILY lists were:

Biloxi, 38; First, Calhoun City, 11; Center Terrace, Canton, 12; Concord, Franklin County, 12; Davis Memorial, Jackson, 13; East Side, GULFPORT 26; FIRST GULFPORT, 20; JACKSON, FIRST, 33; Second Avenue, LAUREL, 10; Fifteenth Avenue, MERIDIAN, 25; NEW HEBRON, 64; North Oxford, 10; PASCAGOULA, FIRST, 15; Sidon, 12; South McComb, 14; SOUTHSIDE JACKSON, 15; STARKVILLE, FIRST 84; Washington, Adams County, 10.

CHAPEL HILL PRESENTS MUSIC PROGRAM DEC. 24

Chapel Hill Church in Hinds County has planned a program of story and song entitled, "The Light of the Ages," which will be presented on Sunday night, December 24, at 7 o'clock.

The program will be under the direction of the pastor, Rev. W. E. Palmer. Miss Dorothy Boyd and W. E. Palmer will be soloists.

The public is invited to attend.

Durant Choirs To Present Christmas Cantata

Under the direction of James Hays, minister of music, the Adult and Young People's choirs of the First Church, Durant will present a Cantata on Sunday night, December 24. The cantata to be presented is "Carols of Christmas."

Soloists are: Bobby Irby, James Hayes, Betty Jo McClellan, and Shirley Mitchell.

REV. E. R. ANDERSON, EVANGELIST of Jacksonville, Fla., and former Mississippi pastor, preached at the Newhebron Church on December 17. At the morning service, 21 pledged themselves to definite soul-winning efforts. At the evening service five made professions of faith. Rev. J. B. Watkins is the pastor.

McGEE RESIGNS AT ZION BEGINS NEW WORK JAN. 1

Rev. B. B. McGee has resigned the pastorate at Zion Church, Pontotoc County, effective January 1, in order to accept the pastorate of the Poplar Springs Church in Calhoun County.

The Poplar Springs Church has voted to begin a full-time program with the coming of the new pastor. Heretofore only half-time work has been supported.

Pastor McGee will complete his fourth year in the Zion pastorate on December 31. During this time a Training Union was organized, a mid-week prayer service begun, a six-room pastorium constructed, three deacons ordained and a Business Women's Circle organized. The Sunday School has an average attendance of more than 100 and the finances have more than quadrupled. There have been 109 additions, 84 by baptism. A Vacation Bible School has been held each summer, and two simultaneous Sunday School enlargement campaigns have been promoted.

Canton First Cails Mission Pastor

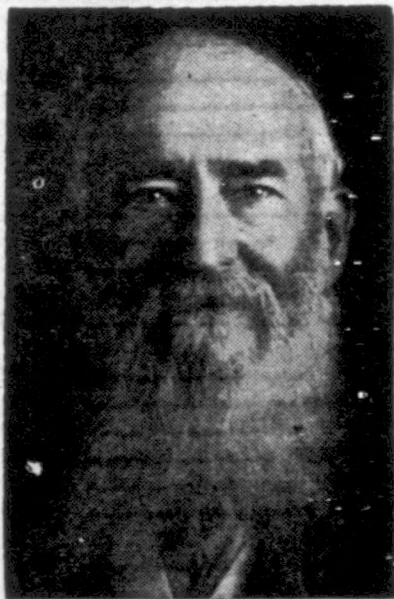
Two Ordained As Deacons

First Church, Canton, Dr. John W. Landrum, pastor, has called Rev. R. E. Larson, as mission pastor. Mr. Larson will have charge of the Northside Mission which is an arm of the First Church. The church will operate on a full-time basis.

Only three and one-half years old, the church now has 115 members. The Sunday School averages 70 and the Training Union 75.

The WMU is well organized and a weekly prayer meeting is held.

TRUMAN HONORS CHASTAIN



DR. J. G. CHASTAIN

Upon the occasion of his 97th birthday, Dr. J. G. Chastain, veteran foreign and home missionary, received the following letter from President Harry S. Truman:

Dear Dr. Chastain:

It is a pleasure to have a share in the happiness of your ninety-seventh birthday on December eighteenth by sending you this personal note of felicitations. I have learned also that you have had many interesting experiences, especially during your service as a missionary of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. May I commend you, too, for the asset of maintaining your splendid spirit of self-reliance.

I trust that blessings of the choicest kind will return to you in full measure for your life so richly spent.

Very sincerely yours,

HARRY TRUMAN.

--BAPTIST TRAINING UNION--

Auber J. Wilds, State Secretary — Box 530, Jackson 105, Mississippi
Associates: W. C. Morgan, Louise Hill, Alene Johnson



REV. CHESTER L. QUARLES

Rev. Chester L. Quarles, Executive Secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, well beloved leader of our Baptists hosts, will, in his message on Friday morning, Dec. 29 at the Training Union Convention in Columbus, help us to properly evaluate ourselves as a part of the Baptist hosts of the Southern Baptist Convention. His message—You are A Part of the Six Million—will challenge every individual present.

We Greet You At Christmas Time

All too quickly have the past twelve months flown by. As we look back across the months it seems but yesterday when we were in our great Training Union Convention in Jackson. Now the time is here for another great meeting like that. We have another reaction, however, when we begin to recount the opportunities you have given us to serve during these months. Our staff has been in every association, and in many of them more than once. You have been loyal as you have cooperated in our plans. We have not worked alone. We have had you as our helpers, and, along with you, our great Lord in the presence of the Holy Spirit has been a companion, a guide, a counselor, a comforter, a teacher and a giver of wisdom. It has been a glorious year. You have helped to make it our best. We thank you for your faithfulness, for your sacrifice in many instances, and for your leadership in your church and association. As we pause to pay homage to our King during these days, our prayers will be that His presence will be with you to give you peace, to give you assurance, to give you hope, to give you direction that you may chart your life anew, avoiding the detours that could keep you from acquiring maximum joy in service. This expression of appreciation is extended to every Story Hour child, Junior, Intermediate, Young Person, Adult. This, of course, includes every pastor and other



DR. S. R. WOODSON

Dr. S. R. Woodson is the pastor of the First Church, Columbus, Miss., where our State Training Union Convention is to hold its meeting Thursday and Friday, December 28-29. He extends to all a hearty welcome both to Columbus and to the church, and when the convention convenes he will express to us this welcome. Preparations have been made for a large attendance. We shall not disappoint them.

leader. You are God's Elect.

Faithfully yours,

Auber J. Wilds
W. C. Morgan
Gladys Bryant
Mrs. J. C. Greenoe
Alene Johnson
Louise Hill.

ON THE TENTH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY of Pastor and Mrs. F. H. Rogers, the Soso Church gave them a surprise shower, including linens, dishes, food and other useful articles.

CORRECTION: In last week's Baptist Record it was stated that the budget of the Gallman Church increased from \$8,000 to \$22,000. It should have read from \$1,800 to \$2,200. Rev. H. A. Thrash is the Gallman pastor. One cipher makes a big difference.

Peloubet's
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MERRY CHRISTMAS!

May the good Lord bless and keep you, is our prayer and wish for you at this Christmas season.

THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING!

W. G. Mize, Superintendent, The Board of Trustees,
The Faculty and Children of the Baptist Orphanage

W.M.U. STATE MISSION WEEK OF PRAYER GIFTS

You will note that 715 different Societies made an offering—this is an increase of 60 over last year (with some gifts yet to come). The total gifts through Dec. 15th is \$36,272.79. Please check this list and see if your gifts are properly credited. Some gifts are marked "State Missions" and not "Week of Prayer, State Missions" and cannot be credited in this list, unless we have a written statement from the person remitting the gift.

The total gifts received from the Season of Prayer represents a little more than 16% of the total State Mission receipts of Mississippi Baptists from the Co-operative Program and designated gifts to State Missions.

COPIAH		Coat	2.00	Bethany	6.00	Oakland	6.00
Antioch	21.25	D'Lo	8.00	Bethel No. 5	13.00	Water Valley	109.38
Bethel	18.75	Harrisville	20.00	Blaine	3.50	IV	
County Line	35.00	Magee	127.84	Dockery	4.50	ALCORN	
Crystal Spgs.	106.10	Mendenhall	17.00	Doddsville	53.00	Carinth:	
Damascus	23.75	Mt. Zion	41.57	Drew	178.77	First	190.00
Gallman	5.50	Pleasant Hill	8.00	Holly Grove	5.00	Tate Street	47.15
Georgetown	62.79	Pinola	19.75	Indianola	167.50	West	82.55
Harmony	6.50	Shivers	8.55	Iverness	64.57	Hinkle Creek	25.00
Hazlehurst	319.39	Siloam	3.00	Linn	21.35	Holly	4.90
Hopewell	16.60	WARREN		Moorhead	33.39	Rienzi	13.15
Pilgrim's Rest	11.20	Vicksburg:		New Hope	25.00	Kossuth (G. A.)	4.35
Pine Bluff	10.78	Bowmar Ave.	9.50	Rome	13.50	CHICKASAW	
Pleasant Hill	9.50	Calvary	11.00	Roundaway	10.00	Houston	118.00
Sardis	14.97	First	225.48	Ruleville	101.36	Houlka	46.00
Shady Grove	11.73	Immanuel	22.00	Sunflower	66.45	Okolona	36.45
Spring Hill	20.00	Northside	15.66	III		ITAWAMBA	
Strong Hope	11.00	Wayside	15.00	CALHOUN		Evergreen	12.00
Sylvarena	22.00	Woodlawn	21.90	Banner	15.00	Fulton Trinity	8.00
Wesson	36.46	YAZOO		Big Creek	7.00	LEE	
Zion Hill	13.06	Anding	6.00	Bruce	85.00	Auburn	40.63
HINDS		Bentonla	48.74	Calhoun City	246.55	Belden	10.12
Bethesda	70.67	Black Jack	20.00	Calvary	25.00	Bissell	24.48
Byram	45.08	Center Ridge	25.00	Derma	34.00	Guntown	46.50
Clinton	310.30	Concord	13.90	Pittsboro	20.28	Nettleton	46.30
Edwards	40.06	Eden	14.25	Sabougla	19.00	Plantersville	48.15
Forest Hill	5.45	Hebron	14.60	Slate Springs	36.20	Priceville	10.00
Jackson		Holly Bluff	15.00	Vardaman	40.50	Richmond	20.00
Alta Woods	24.80	Ogden	15.00	CARROLL		Saltillo	44.80
Calvary	531.46	Oil City	23.70	Carrollton	12.50	Sherman	48.95
Daniels	29.95	Providence	2.00	McCarley	2.00	Tupelo:	
Davis	56.40	Short Creek	4.65	Mt. Pisgah	5.00	First	527.05
Emmanuel	15.00	Tinsley	10.00	New Bethel	5.00	Harrisburg	42.00
First	1,500.00	Yazoo City:		North Carrollton	35.00	Second	5.00
Griffith Mem.	126.94	First	200.90	Valden	8.75	Union Hill	3.50
Leavell Wds.	20.05	Calvary	41.00	COLDWATER		Verona	22.50
Northside	100.00	BOLIVAR		Eudora	35.15	MONROE	
Parkway	73.50	Benoit	25.00	Gray's Creek	3.00	Aberdeen	250.00
Southside	53.50	Boyle	93.51	Horn Lake	25.00	Amory	220.21
Parkway Chapel	9.59	Cleveland:		Macedonia	7.00	Becker	7.00
Van Winkle	65.51	First	200.00	Olive Branch	31.00	Center Hill	5.00
West View	17.63	Calvary	61.50	Pleasant Hill	23.95	Central Grove	8.00
West Jackson	16.27	Duncan	47.20	Trinity	5.50	PONTOTOC	
New Haven	10.00	Gunnison	13.50	GRENADA		Cherry Creek	23.20
Pocahontas	32.25	Interstate	3.00	Grenada First	647.00	Ecu	18.00
Raymond	127.75	Merigold	66.58	Hebron	6.00	Endville	12.00
Salem	8.50	Morrison Chapel	34.00	Holcomb	15.00	Friendship	13.00
Terry	72.88	Pace	22.50	Providence	5.15	Harmony	4.75
Utica	38.75	Rosedale	81.00	LAFAYETTE		Longview	22.00
HOLMES		Shaw	68.00	Abbeville	7.50	Pontotoc:	
Cruger	20.00	Shelby	42.00	North Oxford	8.75	First	257.82
Durant	129.62	Skene	10.00	Oxford	165.17	West Heights	16.75
Goodman	35.95	DEER CREEK		Philadelphia	6.00	Randolph	35.00
Lexington	103.70	Arcola	91.35	Yellow Leaf	44.50	Shady Grove	20.00
Pickens	106.60	Belzoni:		MARSHALL		Toxish	17.50
Tchula	26.25	First	425.57	Alexandria	36.00	Zion	27.00
West	12.35	Darlove	16.14	Byhalia	59.08	PRENTISS	
MADISON		Glen Allen	5.00	Coldwater	6.00	Baldwyn	40.00
Camden	15.00	Greenville:		Holly Springs	79.00	Booneville	102.41
Canon		Eastside	10.05	Potts Camp	7.50	East Side	4.18
First	283.52	First	545.00	Red Banks	6.30	Fairview	6.50
Center Terrace	6.00	Second	92.88	MONTGOMERY		Gaston	2.15
Flora	133.25	Hollandale	99.50	Duck Hill	50.00	Wheeler	15.00
New Hope (Madison)	36.15	Isola	8.00	Kilmichael	32.00	TIPPAH	
Ridgeland	11.00	Leland	416.00	Scotland	20.00	Ashland	10.50
LANKIN		Silver City	8.62	Winona	126.17	Blue Mountain	222.95
Antioch	10.00	LEFLORE		PANOLA		Chalybeate	62.42
Briar Hill	53.25	Greenwood:		Batesville	125.56	Harmony	16.25
Brandon	75.97	First	384.98	Como	33.00	Ripley	125.00
Cross Roads	10.42	Calvary	50.00	Courtland	15.10	Walnut	21.67
East Side	10.00	Itta Bena	100.00	Orenshaw	25.00	Blue Mtn. College YWA	33.42
Leesburg	7.56	Mt. Vernon	8.50	Good Hope	12.30	TISHOMINGO	
Mt. Pisgah	23.70	Money	47.50	Hebron	10.00	Belmont	6.35
Oakdale	43.61	Morgan City	41.23	Liberty Hill	13.00	Iuka	43.19
Paul Truitt Mem.	22.21	Schlater	10.75	McIvor	24.25	New Prospect	5.00
Pearl City	10.00	Sidon	10.50	Peach Creek	39.10	S. Cross Roads	5.05
Pearson	14.45	RIVERSIDE		Pilgrim's Rest	14.25	Tishomingo	11.00
Pelahatchie	45.94	Belen	27.00	Pope	20.75	UNION	
Puckett	30.00	Clarksdale	162.56	Sardis	69.86	Bethel	5.00
Richland	11.48	Crowder	108.00	Union Church	5.00	Center	10.00
Star	61.94	Darling	15.00	TALLAHATCHIE		Ingomar	13.75
Steen's Creek	92.00	Dundee	22.25	Cascilla	2.50	Liberty	3.00
Union Church	9.20	Jonestown	25.00	Charleston	300.00	Myrtle	26.85
Value	9.65	Lula	121.00	Cowart	2.00	Myrtle Temple	14.85
IMPSON		Lyon	100.00	Paynes	16.44	Neely Memorial	5.00
Bethlehem	16.20	Marks	150.00	Philipp	15.00	New Albany	117.15
Beulah	10.00			Sumner	32.00		
Braxton	48.55			Tutwiler	126.75		
				Webb	37.55		

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Wallerville	14.00	Daleville	15.00	Biloxi:		Picayune	120.00
ATTALA		Kewanee	30.00	First	199.17	Pine Grove	10.00
Berea	10.00	Long Creek	10.00	Bowen Memorial	11.50	Poplarville:	
Ebel	15.60	Mt. Olive	7.00	Gulfport:		First	126.50
Hurricane	10.00	Macedonia	20.00	Eastside	11.50	West	10.01
Kosciusko:		Marion	19.40	First	345.55	Roseland Park	8.00
First	189.42	Meridian:		Grace Memorial	31.00	Santa Rosa	25.00
Second	6.30	8th Avenue	19.00	West Gulfport	5.00	Springhill	5.00
McAdams	9.00	15th Avenue	250.00	Handsboro	20.00	Union	19.30
McCool	10.68	41st Avenue	50.00	Logtown	26.00	PERRY	
Sallis	36.89	First	540.16	Long Beach	28.30	Beaumont	32.00
Springdale	5.00	Highland	182.50	Lyman	6.75	New Augusta	40.00
Unity	11.80	Key Field	10.58	New Hope	15.00	Richton	200.00
Williamsville	11.18	Oakland Heights	68.83	Pass Christian	50.00	Seminary	10.00
CHOCTAW		Poplar Springs	93.00	Riverside	9.38	Union	7.40
Ackerman	80.00	Southside	130.12	Sharon	7.25	WAYNE	
Concord	13.00	11th Ave. Mission	12.25	Woolmarket	4.75	Bucatanua	19.50
French Camp	3.65	Mt. Vernon	4.00	JACKSON		Clara	7.00
Weir	10.35	Midway	35.00	Bellefontaine	22.00	Clear Creek	4.00
CLAY		New Hope	20.00	Escatawpa	4.00	Euculta	1.55
Pheba	11.55	Oak Grove	42.00	Friendship	10.00	Mt. Zion	7.77
West Point	490.63	Russell	33.10	Kreole	73.51	Pleasant Grove	25.00
COLUMBUS		Toomsaba	10.00	Moss Point:		State Line	40.50
Artesia	5.50	LEAKE		East	21.45	Waynesboro:	
Border Springs	11.00	Carthage	218.85	First	151.10	Calvary	27.30
Columbus:		Friendship	35.80	Ocean Springs	15.55	First	47.50
Calvary	36.29	Freeny	18.00	Pascagoula:		VIII	
East End	31.35	Mt. Zion	10.25	East Side	5.00	FRANKLIN	
First	649.83	Thomastown	9.00	First	108.70	Bude	68.45
Southside	2.25	Tuscola	26.25	Van Cleave	7.75	Concord	20.00
Mt. Vernon	7.25	Walnut Grove	30.47	JONES		Hope Well	16.03
Mt. Zion	36.00	NESHOBA		Bethlehem	6.00	Lucien	15.00
New Salem	18.00	Bethsadia	22.00	County Line	1.15	McCall Creek	3.75
MSCW (YWA)	4.15	Coldwater	15.00	Ellisville:		Meadville	47.00
NOXUBEE		Deemer	15.00	Calvary	10.00	New Salem	8.00
Brooksville	35.01	Hope	10.25	Glade	3.75	Ozion	7.25
Concord	45.50	Immanuel	12.17	Harmony	13.30	Providence	8.80
Macon	122.30	Laurel Hill	9.00	Indian Springs	15.00	Quentin	15.00
Mashulaville (Elam)	8.00	McDonald	9.50	Laurel:		Roxie	23.00
Shuqualak	90.30	Neshoba	26.16	Beacon	31.83	JEFF DAVIS	
OKTIBBEHA		Philadelphia:		First	368.53	Antioch	17.50
Adaton	17.00	Beacon Street	14.08	Second Avenue	210.44	Bassfield	72.26
Bethesda	20.00	First	60.08	South Laurel	4.50	Bethany	14.95
Center Grove	7.00	Sardis	17.00	West Laurel	87.87	Carson	22.85
Longview	16.40	Spring Creek	9.10	Wildwood	5.00	Hathorn	26.00
Maben	37.12	NEWTON		Moselle	9.00	Hebron	33.30
Morgan's Chapel	21.00	Bethel	30.00	Myrick:		Hepzibah	12.00
Starkville	158.58	Chunky	11.00	Beulah	7.00	Oak Grove	12.00
Sturgis	14.35	Clark Venable	50.75	Pine Grove	9.80	Phalti	10.00
WINSTON		Duffee	3.00	Sandersville	23.05	Prentiss	290.50
Calvary	25.00	Hickory	89.31	Sharon	17.50	Victory	5.00
Ellison Ridge	5.00	Lawrence	5.00	Summerland	21.00	Whitesand	58.38
Evergreen	10.00	Liberty	6.27	Tucker's Crossing	13.39	LAWRENCE	
Liberty	4.60	Mt. Vernon	18.00	LAMAR		Calvary	54.56
Louisville:		New Ireland	5.35	Baxterville	7.00	Carmel	23.00
First	294.12	Newton	200.22	Oloh	32.88	Crooked Creek	8.00
South	15.00	Union	159.65	Oral	58.73	Jayess	5.00
Murphy Creek	20.00	SCOTT		Sumrall	12.40	Monticello	106.29
Noxapater	70.00	Forest	96.76	LEBANON		New Hebron	125.00
Poplar Flat	25.00	Forkville	12.10	Big Level	15.00	Wamilla	4.00
ZION		Harpersville	18.45	Brooklyn	30.00	New Hope	3.55
Eupora	80.78	Hillsboro	7.00	Centerville	19.32	LINCOLN	
Fellowship	7.25	Jerusalem	17.40	Dixie	9.46	Arlington	12.50
Mantee	27.00	Lake	50.00	Glendale	20.35	Bethel	16.91
Mathiston	36.00	Morton	58.52	Green's Creek	18.98	Bogue Chitto	34.00
Walshall	7.00	Union	6.50	Hattiesburg:		Brookhaven:	
VI		SMITH		5th Avenue	101.05	First	342.00
CLARKE		Beulah	14.50	28th Avenue	25.00	Second (Pearl Haven)	15.00
DeSoto	10.35	Goodwater	12.50	38th Avenue	18.70	Calvary	11.55
Enterprise	45.00	Mize	4.00	Bowie Street	7.45	Clear Branch	22.11
Harmony	27.50	Raleigh	36.00	Central	6.60	Fair River	7.25
Oak Grove	8.54	Sylvarena	16.00	First	264.00	Friendship	20.00
Pachuta	26.00	Taylorville	200.00	Immanuel	32.00	Heuck's Retreat	17.75
Pine Hill	5.10	White Oak	12.50	Main Street	200.00	Little Bahala	5.50
Quitman	143.00	VII		River Avenue	12.00	Macedonia	22.15
Shubuta	29.25	COVINGTON		Irene Chapel	5.75	Moak's Creek	13.75
Stonewall	22.30	Cold Springs	2.75	Lakeview	5.00	Mt. Moriah	104.00
Union	35.00	Collins	42.25	Lumberton	100.00	Mt. Pleasant	10.00
JASPER		Mt. Horeb	5.66	McLaurin	15.75	Mt. Zion	41.25
Bay Springs	222.30	Mt. Olive	37.50	Macedonia	15.90	Montgomery	7.00
Heidelberg	18.25	Ora	10.00	Mars Hill	2.90	New Sight	35.05
Louin	15.80	Salem	100.00	Petal:		New Prospect	31.00
Montrose	26.00	Sanford	9.00	Harvey	57.00	Philadelphia	7.00
New Fellowship	15.60	Seminary	28.50	Perkinston	23.35	Pleasant Grove	23.57
Old Fellowship	9.50	GEORGE		Providence	18.83	Ruth	13.00
Pine Grove	21.85	Agricola	17.94	Purvis	58.00	Union Hall	12.50
Shady Grove	31.00	Barton	14.55	Wiggins	43.28	MARION	
Stringer	18.00	Lucedale	135.98	Zion Hill	22.00	Bunker Hill	42.70
KEMPER		Shady Grove	14.80	Woman's College YWA	12.17	Cedar Grove	12.96
Black Water	12.51	Rocky Creek	50.00	PEARL RIVER		Clear Creek	11.75
DeKalb	8.00	GREENE		Bethel	33.00	Columbia:	
Scooba	9.25	Cedar Grove	10.06	Carriere	20.65	East Columbia	19.00
LAUDERDALE		Leakesville	41.00	Corinth	32.00	First	320.09
Bethany	10.08	McLain	32.75	Goodyear	10.22	North	25.00
Causeyville	10.00	Sand Hill	15.00	Harmony	2.50	Edna	5.00
Center Grove	2.75	Sweetwater (Pine Level)	12.50	Juniper Grove	26.25	Foxworth	45.00
Collinsville	5.00	Unity	7.00	Nicholson	10.00	Goss	21.25
		GULF COAST		Oak Hill	22.17	Hurricane Creek	27.12
		Bay St. Louis	38.00	Ozona	14.26	Improve	72.80
		Big Ridge	6.68	New Palestine	12.75		

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Jesus The Center Of All

A sermon preached by Dr. W. E. Prout, pastor First Baptist Church, Shelby, Mississippi, before the Bolivar County Baptist Association.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Because of certain deletions made in the copy which appeared in the issue of Dec. 7 that might have rendered parts of it unclear we are publishing the full text of the sermon.

Introduction: Always it is well for us to come back to Jesus the center of life. I realize full well that I am addressing people who are the main stays of the Kingdom of God in Bolivar County. But I realize the ever present danger of even our losing sight of Jesus as the real, vital, central figure about whom and for whom our entire effort hinges.

Peter wrote his epistle to stir up the minds of the people, Christian people, if you please—Why? In order that they might not forget where their first allegiance was.

May I point you to some scripture passages. First, you will remember Jesus had asked his disciples, "who do men say that I am?", and he had received various answers. But to his inquiry, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter responded, "Thou art the Christ the Son of the living God." Whereupon Jesus lauded Peter and said, "Flesh and blood hath not revealed this unto you, but my Father which is in heaven." The confession of Jesus as the Son of God was established by Jesus, himself,

as the very foundation, the bedrock of the Church. (Matthew 16: 13-17) The Ethiopian Eunuch confessed before Philip almost in identical words, "I believe that Jesus is the Christ the Son of God." (Acts 8:37) Paul professes vehemently that he became foolish in order that none could glory in his wisdom, but that Jesus would be central and glorified. He says, "I endeavored not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him Crucified." (I Cor. 2:1ff).

John in Revelation reminds us constantly that Jesus is the beginning and the end, the alpha and the omega of life. (Rev. 1:8, 17: 22:13). I would like to sow one other scriptural seed before going on. Jesus said to his disciples as he sent them forth with the great Commission, "All power is given me in heaven and on earth," and also, "Lo, I am with you always even to the end of the age." (Matthew 28: 18-20).

Now, I would like for you to think with me along three lines: the need for the centrality of Jesus in the church, in the nation and in the individual. I think I do no injustice in placing the individual at the place of prominence because I believe that is where Jesus placed him. He died for a world, but, more, he died for a world of lost sinners.

I. The need for the centrality of Jesus in our churches has, perhaps, never been greater.

1. This, our time, is a time when we are seeing many movements toward the unification of the Evangelical churches. I prefer Evangelical because we, as Baptists, have never considered ourselves properly described by the name Protestant. This tendency is attested to by the Federal Council of Churches, the uniting of minor groups into one group, the several mergers of local churches to form one church, the desire for the uniting of the Northern and Southern Baptist Conventions, on the part of some of the leaders, the discussed merger of the Disciples and the Northern Baptist Convention, the strong feeling toward ecclesiasticism manifest at the meeting of the Baptist World Alliance, the prior uniting of the Northern and Southern Methodist Churches—these efforts in themselves evidence one thing, in particular to my mind, and that is the reliance of religious groups on the strength of numbers and not on the strength of Christ. God forbid that Jesus and his Divine power be relegated to a position of secondary importance. God bring Jesus back and Enthrone him in the minds and souls of our churches.

2. This is a time of organizational advances and denominationalism that might well result in the untimely and unwise step of investing powers which might lead off on a tangent from the central Jesus. The restraining step is for Jesus to remain the central figure in all and through all. That is the genius of the Baptist Organization. Jesus is the one central figure that is the ruling guide of our life; if that should be lost then we would emerge with a very highly perfected hierarchy.

In a review of the early steps leading to Romanism, by that meaning the Roman Catholic Church, we see that Jesus was gradually removed from the center and supplanted by the Papal throne. These steps were easy and to the mind of that time seemed expedient. I list some of these steps briefly, as time limits a full discussion.

a. First, Salvation by Belief in Jesus had attached to its salvation by baptism and the Lord's supper. This very early, issuing in statement by c. 100 A. D.

b. Second, a man, a priest by name, who might administer baptism and the Lord's Supper became a necessity.

c. Third, a man, a bishop by name, who might render the proper forms to the priests.

d. Fourth, a Church, orthodox, to set the proper standards.

e. Fifth, a Creed, and an episcopacy

-- Woman's Missionary Union --

President—Mrs. Wilma B. Sledge, Jackson; Exec. Sec'y.—Miss Edwina Robinson
Young People's Sec'y.—Miss Nell Taylor

FACTS AND FIGURES OF INTEREST

At the recent Convention Board meeting some figures were reviewed that revealed some facts of interest. We were asked by the Board to give this information in the Baptist Record. The figures concerning gifts to the Foreign and Home Mission Boards are found in the 1950 Southern Baptist Convention Annual—the figures concerning State Missions, in the 1949 Annual of Mississippi Baptist Convention.

Receipts From Mississippi for 1949

Cooperative Program	W.M.U. Week of Prayer Offering
Foreign Mission Board	\$106,035.01
Home Mission Board	46,922.77
State Mission Board	150,452.50
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W. M. U. State Mission

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Kokomo	11.00
Shiloh	5.65
Spring Cottage	11.20
MISSISSIPPI	
Calvary	23.00
Centerville	23.20
Crosby	69.55
East Fork	35.00
Gillsburg	34.00
Ghading	5.24
Gloster	175.00
Liberty	221.00
Mars Hill	135.55
Mt. Olive	15.00
Mt. Vernon	25.00
Robinson	15.00
Woodville	54.00
PIKE	
Bala Chitto	13.25
Calvary	24.00
Friendship	9.00
Holmesville	14.65
Magnolia:	
First	104.22
McComb:	
Central	85.05
East McComb	257.98
First	677.50
South	55.10
Navilla	20.00
Osyka	80.09
Progress	16.50
Silver Creek	8.65
Silver Springs	17.00
Summit	21.20
Tangipohoa	15.00
Terry Creek	5.50
Thompson	52.47
Union	8.75
UNION	
Crainfield	5.35
Fayette	14.70
Lorman, Fellowship	6.70
Natchez:	
First	400.46
Immanuel	38.79
West Side	40.00
Port Gibson	45.20
Redlick	7.50
Union Church	11.00
Unity	15.50
WALTHALL	
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CHRISTMAS

"Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying, 'Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.'"
This is why we have Christmas, because we have Christ. And even in that far off day when Jesus was born there were those who came to bow down before him in adoration and worship. The learned men from Jerusalem did not worship the babe of Bethlehem, but the wise men from the east did. Highest learning finds itself at the feet of Jesus.

THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

The spirit of anything is the same as that of those who are responsible for it. That is also true of Christmas. And since Christ himself is the responsible one for Christmas, the real and genuine spirit of Christmas is the spirit of Christ. Now that is not always the spirit that

is in evidence at Christmas, but it would be if we should let the spirit of the maker of Christmas be the spirit that directs us also. And just what is the spirit of Christmas, or the spirit of Christ? We certainly do not know all about this, but these are some things that he manifested so abundantly:

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

And so, as we come to another Christmas season, we wish each and all a very merry Christmas, and may the real spirit of Christmas be ours.

God's blessings have been so many to us since last Christmas. We are grateful, but we are sure that we can never be as grateful as we should be for all his mercies to us.

And we are deeply grateful to all who have had a part since Last Christmas in building bigger and better Sunday schools where God's Book may be taught to all people so that more may come to know the Christmas, and thus to know the real spirit of Christmas.

Jesus The Center Of All

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untimely and useless death from the end.

But, men are defying the state, defying and degrading man; defying and defying the name of God. For promises to fill the belly, clothe the body, remove moral restraints, men are enslaving their lives and selling their souls as a godless communism continues to move along. We are failing somewhere, brethren. The banner of Christ has not been unfurled, the gospel has not been preached as it should, our missions have not received the support they deserve, and the tithes to God have gone into men's bank accounts more than they have into God's treasury. How do we know we have failed; because God is not, of that I'm positive. He promises victories as men expend and expand themselves in his name. It is not because God is not big enough or strong enough because His omnipotence, His power is not questionable even by Satan, himself.

Jesus has not been made the central figure in national life. It is a strange tragedy the way Jesus Christ is being ignored in the Political life of our times. Far too often the Christian statesman is the victim of political intrigue and a place that might have been successfully filled is made a mockery by some cheap politician. Something is wrong somewhere when our boys in the battle lines have to throw beer cans for hand grenades.

I suggest God's plan for the restoration of Jesus Christ as the center of our national life—"Go and preach and teach and make disciples of all men, baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost." And then know that God is with us. We are the sword of the Lord to conquer the heart and soul of the world. I beg you to use them.

III. The need for the centrality of Jesus in the Individual.

When we come to the basic point either church or nation we find that the individual is the basis for both. The whole will never be greater than the individual parts that go into it. The church will not have Jesus central in it until the individual elevates Jesus to the central place in his life. In the same way the nation will not become a great Christian nation until the citizens of that nation hold Jesus as central. The tendency toward the removal of Jesus

from our church and national life reflects the lack of the centrality of Jesus in the individual life.

2. The individual is the only unit of salvation—not a nation, not a state, not a household, not two, but the single individual. Each individual will be held accountable to God for his relationship. Jesus in providing the way of salvation based man's response on the individual right to believe. He imposed on man no other persons choice. The great challenge to Christian people is to win the individual to the Kingdom of God. The emphasis should be placed on the "Ones" for it is only through them that we will win the great victories for God. Jesus chose his disciples on an individual basis, and he expects his disciples to continue to win them on that same basis. His great commission was to Judea first and Bolivar County is our Judea. There are many that are lost, but we can win Bolivar County for Christ if we will go back and win them one by one. That is the only way it can be done, one by one.

3. May I remind you, also, that Jesus is the only way of salvation. There is none other name under Heaven whereby a man might be saved other than the name of Jesus Christ. There is nothing else to it beyond the faith that Jesus Christ is the Son of the Living God. Salvation is not of the church nor any rite performed by the church, but it is wholly of Jesus Christ. If we are not cautious time may reveal that the simple message of Jesus has become complex and he is not as central as we might have thought. Hold him central and alone. Preach him as central, as alone, as the one worthy of Glorifying and as the one Savior of the individual soul, and, thus, of the world.

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JERUSALEM —(RNS)— ISRAELI courts have twice acquitted girls, claiming to be conscientious objectors, who were charged with perjury and evasion of military service. The girls had sworn that they were conscientious objectors for religious reasons, but they later were allegedly observed violating Orthodox Jewish Sabbath laws. At both hearings, the courts held that a person can be genuinely religious by observing the spirit rather than the letter of religious laws. (Editor's Note: We call this strange reasoning).

WHEN YOU POINT YOUR FINGER at someone else, you are pointing three at yourself.—Brotherhood Journal.

BROTHERHOOD DEPARTMENT

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BROTHERHOOD ACTIVITIES REPORTED FOR NOVEMBER

Scores sending in reports
Brotherhoods throughout the state are carrying on real activities as they have never done before as evidenced by the following scattered reports; Hernando conducted a membership drive and gained five members, gives \$5.00 per month to the Intermediate R. A.'s made a sign for the church and put on drive for all members to read the Baptist Record. H. H. White is Brotherhood President. The Oiah Brotherhood painted the pastor's home and A. J. Pace is president. South Side at Meridian contributed milk for a baby of a needy family, carried on a visitation program and conducted services at the County Home. The report comes from C. A.

Seale, Secretary. Macedonia in Lincoln County, contributed money for the less fortunate in hospitals and prayed definite for the unsaved of the community. Lucius Jackson is the President. First Baptist Church, West Point, with Beverly Lightsey as President, reported that they are sponsoring a Sunday School Mission. Spring Creek of Neshoba, with Clayton Fulton as President, reports that they have done some work on the pastor's home and will gather the gifts for the Baptist Orphanage on Thanksgiving. Fernwood with T. L. Simpson, President, reports that they are having work nights to build some more Sunday School rooms and are holding cottage Prayer meetings. They carried all their men to the County Brotherhood meeting recently.

CHANGES AMONG THE CHURCHES

By REV. LEON V. YOUNG

Called And Accepted:

Richard Armstrong, Cypress, Texas.
Reginald D. Washington, First, Bismarck, Mo., from Monticello, Ark.
J. T. Barbee, Seguin, Texas, from Harpeth Heights, Nashville, Tenn.
Ray Stephens, Chaplain Armed Services, from Spearman, Texas.
Scott Tatum, Broadmoor Church, Shreveport, La., from Hyde Park, Austin, Texas.
Tommy Moseley, Steele, Ala., from Bradley Creek, Tenn.
Bob Smith, First, Hardin, Mo., from Pleasant Valley.
William Hoffman, Pleasant Grove Church, Mo., from 25th, Lebanon, Mo.
Ben F. Worley, Oaklawn, Texarkana, from Northside, Fort Smith, Ark.



REV. PERCY COOPER

Shown above is Rev. Percy Cooper, who was recently called to the pastorate of the Alta Woods Church. He moved to Jackson on December 13. Mr. Cooper is a native of Mississippi and was for nine years pastor of churches in Mississippi. He had his schooling at Clarke College, Mississippi College and the New Orleans Seminary.

He was formerly pastor of Southside Church, Jackson. He saw 750 persons added to the church, 375 of whom were baptized.

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January Calendar Of Activities

The Southern Baptist Calendar of Activities for January emphasizes the Cooperative Program and Bible Study Week.

The Calendar is as follows:
Cooperative Program Emphasis
Special Bible Study Week
Church Schools of Missions Emphasis
The Theological Seminaries
W.M.U. Training School
Student Life-Commitment Day, January 14

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KOSCIUSKO, FIRST	585	188
Laurel, First	547	177
Meridian, First	690	55
Meridian, 15th Avenue	535	131
15th Avenue Chapel	39	
Meridian, Highland	503	161
Meridian, Southside	341	159
Meridian, Poplar Springs	331	110
Poplar Springs Mission	39	33
Meridian, 8th Ave.	325	92
Meridian, 41st Ave.	293	76
Meridian, Oakland Heights	182	93
Meridian, Oak Grove	180	80
Meridian, Key Field	99	32
Pascagoula, First	863	299
Main School	628	225
Eastlawn Mission	61	34
Unity Mission	75	40
McArthur Mission	31	
Jackson Ave. Mission	26	
Orange Grove Mission	42	
Calhoun City, First	318	140
Anding	44	34
Gulftown, First	793	255
Columbia, First	756	176
Bunker Hill (Marion County)	301	168
Springfield (Scott County)	119	53
Columbus, First	826	248
East McComb	421	221
Bruce	300	93
Laurel, Second Avenue	433	117
Florence, Steen's Creek	180	81
Friendship (Pike County)	177	77
Newton	332	126
Bethlehem (Jones County)	152	93
Greenwood (Pike County)	68	58
Mt. Zion (Lincoln County)	108	41
Calvary (Amite County)	78	84
South McComb	262	67
Fair River (Lincoln County)	115	68
Bogue Chitto (Pike County)	65	64
Brookhaven, First	1,021	409
Main School	778	274
Hamilton St. Chapel	120	64
Central Chapel	123	71
Tupelo, Harrisburg	501	212
Jackson, Calvary	1,324	367
Jackson, Southside	323	138
Jackson, Davis Memorial	497	291
Jackson, Van Winkle	449	291
Jackson, First	1,353	523
Broadmoor Chapel	118	45
Jackson, Northside	562	138
East Fork (Amite County)	106	50
December 10, 1950		
New Prospect (Lafayette County)	54	23
Union (Alcorn County)	54	58
East Moss Point	207	89
Corinth, Tate Street	273	95
McComb, Locust Street	35	

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SOSO CHURCH HELD A STEWARDSHIP Revival for four nights, in which the following speakers took part: Hon. Carrol Gartin, Laurel; Rev. Mayo Brown, Summerland; Rev. T. E. Fant and Rev. J. H. Street, Laurel. Rev. F. H. Rogers is the pastor.

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Picayune Revival
Adds Sixteen

Dr. O. P. Maddox, a Southern Baptist Missionary to Brazil for 43 years and father of the pastor, Rev. John R. Maddox, was the evangelist in the recent revival at the First Church, Picayune.

There were 16 additions during the week, 8 by letter and 8 on profession of faith. One young man surrendered to full-time Christian service, and several other young people came forward expressing the desire to find God's will for their lives.

Rev. Blaine H. Grose, Minister of Music and Education, was in charge of the music.

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NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HAVE elected Jimmy Morgan Training Union secretary. He succeeds Harvey Gibson who has come to the Sunday School Board as adult director for the Training Union Department.

CONCORD CALLS PASTOR



REV. H. P. HARPER

Rev. H. P. Harper has accepted the pastorate of Concord Church in Choctaw County.

Mr. Harper was formerly a student at Clarke College. Since accepting the Concord pastorate and moving into the pastorate, he has enrolled at Mississippi State and will continue his studies in connection with promoting a full-time program at Concord.

He and Mrs. Harper have two children, a boy and a girl.

Plans have already been made for a revival meeting to be held in April in which Rev. L. Everett will do the preaching.

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six senior Negro colleges and six Negro junior colleges, making a total of 41 colleges, not counting the many business, nursing and other professional colleges which would run the total well past the 50 mark? . . . BSUers at Delta State still are praying and working for a Baptist Student Center. . . January 1-5 is the date for the teaching of the book on prayer by Dr. R. G. Lee in preparation for the Evangelistic Crusade Mar 25-Apr. 8. . . Recent privileges have been: bringing a devotional to the Young Adult S. S. Dept. of First Church, Jackson, speaking at Co-Lin Jr. Vespers, attending Belhaven's model Student Night at Christmas program . . . It is nice of the Southwide T. U. office to make the revised pamphlet, "The Baptist Young People's Union", the right size for the BSU notebook.

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THE SAVIOR IS BORN.

I. THE DECREE OF CAESAR

The Emperor issued a decree that the inhabitants of the Roman world should be enrolled, that is, that a census should be taken. It was required that all the people should be enrolled each at his native home, or the native home of his family.

Joseph and Mary were living at Nazareth in Galilee, but the home of their ancestors was Bethlehem in Judea. So Joseph with Mary went back to Bethlehem and were there when Jesus the Christ was born of Mary, thus fulfilling the prophecy: "Thou, Bethlehem Ephraim, which art little to be among the thousands of Judah, out of thee shall one come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth are from of old, from everlasting." (Micah 5:2).

The story of the birth of Jesus is a very old story, perhaps the best known story in the world. We do not know many of the details, the particularities surrounding it, but the main events in the story are so well known that millions of people could recite the story from memory. The pretentious, spectacular, ephemeral rule of Caesar is set in sharp contrast with the quiet, assimilative, eternal rule of God.

The Pax Romans was a peace, well enough, but it was a hopeless tranquility against which no man might raise his voice in hope that he might keep his head upon his shoulders. God was about to send another and new kind of peace upon the earth, a peace that has its source in the bosom of God Himself.

II. WHERE JESUS BECAME FIRST-BORN

We call His birthplace "a manger". Tradition points to a cave where, on occasions when the town was overcrowded, a few beasts of burden were stabled. If the tradition has it correct, we may believe that the Light of the World was born in the dark. There was no doctor or nurse there, there was no mid-wife. Mary brought forth her son alone, and she wrapped Him in swaddling clothes and laid Him in a manger with her hands. Mary was of the poorest of the poor, inured to hardships from her own birth, and she bore her Son in the gloom or darkness of a cave where the only warmth was that from the bodies of the animals stabled in the cave.

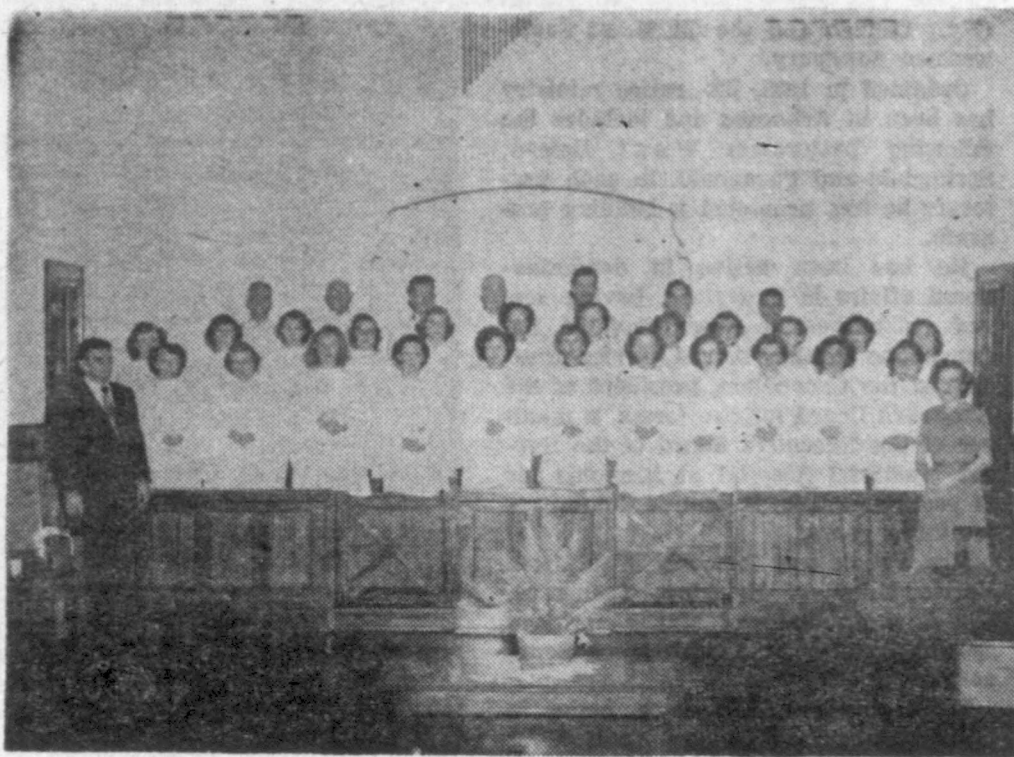
Jesus was born in a little town, but it was great King David's home town, and now the birthplace of David's greatest son. But this son of David is also God's Son, the Son in whom God is humbling Himself to the low estate of the humblest man on the earth. Royal blood ran in the veins of Jesus, but he did not assume the position of a prince, but of the lowly station of "the son of man". He was the first-born of Mary. He was to become the first-born among many brethren. He is first-born among the spiritual heroes of Israel, founder of the kingdom which faithful men will ever put first. Men through the centuries have given Him the place of preeminence—first of all the great who have graced the footstool of the Almighty.

Come, now! let us make Him in a renewed dedication, first in our hearts this happy Christmas season, a season happy only because He makes it so.

III. THE HOST FROM HEAVEN

I am loath to pass entirely by the story of the coming of the wise men from the east, if to do no more than quote someone who said, "It is written of the wise men that they paid homage to the little Lord and then 'went back

Griffith Choir To Be Guests At McCool



The choir of the Griffith Memorial Church, Jackson, will present a Christmas cantata, "Carol of the Bells" by Lee Rogers, at the McCool Church on Friday, December 22, at 8 o'clock. The choir is under the direction of Mel C. Craft, music director and student night at Mississippi College. Soloists are: contralto, Jo Ann Cotton; mezzo Soprano, Margie Lea; bass, Alton Lewis. Mrs. John L. Walker will be the accompanist. Rev. Billy Fancher is the McCool Pastor.

For the benefit of all concerned: There will be no issue of The Baptist Record on December 28. The Christmas week issue of December 21 will be the last issue in 1950.

THE FIRST CHURCH, EL PASO, over subscribed its 1951 budget of \$154,692 in one day. W. Herschel Ford is the pastor.

another way". So of every one who in reality and sincerity looks once on the face of Jesus. The looker looks, adores, and goes another way, a new way, His way, the way of holiness, the way of the new creature in the new creation.

"There were shepherds in the same country". It was to these humble men that the Almighty made the greatest announcement ever made to anybody in the world. The first to appear to the shepherds was one angel at whose presence the shepherds were amazed and sore afraid. His first word to them was an assurance of peace: "Fear not!" This is the distinguishing feature of our holy religion. Men and women who know and love our Lord fear Him indeed as obedient children fear to displease or disappoint a good father, but the cringing fear of the slave who cowers before the driver's lash does not affright them.

"I bring you good tidings of great joy to all people", to all kinds of people, all races of people, all conditions of people, all social classes of people. "All people" sweeps within its wide circuit all the individuals of all the tribes that roam the earth.

"There is born unto you a savior". He is blood of your blood, entered the world by the gateway of birth just as you did and will care for you as only nursing mother can, will sympathize with you in your sorrows and strengthen you in your weaknesses, all the way through this world and through the gates of glory.

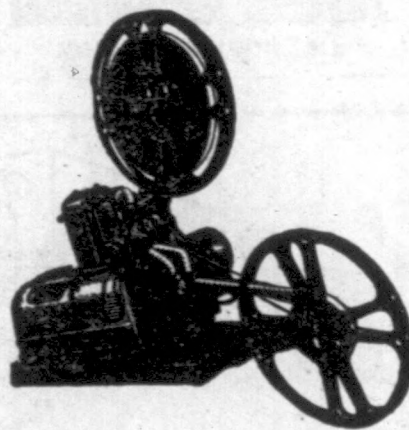
"A savior", and, ah! how we all need Him in that character! He is the only one who can ever stop the onward sweep of cruelty, atheism, oppression, slaughter, and unmentionable wickedness in this gracious Savior, born in Bethlehem long ago, and announced to the shepherds of Judea in a light from heaven and a heavenly soloist supported by an angel chorus choring the glory of God Most High.

BRADFORD'S CHAPEL PLANS REVIVAL DEC. 20-24

"Christmas For Christ" is the theme of the Christmas revival to be held at the Bradford's Chapel Church in Calhoun County December 20-24. The pastor, Clarence O. Smith will do the preaching.

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December 25—Mrs. J. T. Davis, Pontotoc County WMU Superintendent; Mrs. Belle Ferguson Simmons, Blue Mountain College trustee.

December 26—J. W. Vassar, Alcorn County Sunday School Superintendent; Dr. S. R. Woodson, Columbus, State BSU Pastor-Adviser.

December 27—Charles Shelton, Tippah Associational Training Union Director, December 28—State Training Union Convention; Dr. S. R. Woodson, Columbus Associational Convention Board Member.

December 29—State Training Union Convention; Malcolm E. Gillis, Blue Mountain College faculty.

December 30—Miss Emma Grace Ross, BSU, Secretary; J. B. Middleton, Calhoun County Convention Board member.

December 31—Mrs. A. L. McGaugh, Clarke College faculty.

January 1—Special Bible Study Week; R. S. McCrory, Newton Associational Training Union Director.

January 2—Dr. John W. Landrum, Madison County Convention Board member.

January 3—Prof. Jessie White, BSU Faculty Adviser for Delta State; Mrs. B. B. Pridgen, Bookkeeper, Baptist Convention Board.

January 4—Mrs. A. E. Ray, Alcorn County WMU Superintendent; Rev. J. D. Wallace, Walthall County Sunday School superintendent.

January 5—Miss Imogene Tucker, Lauderdale Associational Training Union Director; Mrs. Stella Sogga, Supervisor, Baptist Hospital.

January 6—Mrs. John Cook, Mississippi College faculty; Miss Zadeen Walton, Secretary, Baptist Foundation.

January 7—Mrs. J. T. Cubley, Monroe Associational WMU Superintendent.

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THE PAYNES CHURCH RECENTLY adopted the largest budget in its history, including an increase in the pastor's salary. C. L. Boland is pastor.

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Dr. Prince Accepts Fifth Avenue Church



DR. IRVING M. PRINCE

Dr. Irving M. Prince has accepted the pastorate of the Fifth Avenue Church, Hattiesburg, and will assume his duties on January 1. He succeeds Dr. J. C. Murphy who resigned in order to accept a Louisiana pastorate.

Dr. Prince was formerly president of

Central College, Little Rock, Arkansas. He was educated at Carson-Newman College, received his A.B. at Georgetown (Ky.) College and the Th.M. at Southwestern Seminary.

Ordained in 1928, his entire ministry has been in Arkansas and includes the following pastorates: West Helena, Springdale and Paragould. In each pastorate he has promoted a building program.

He has been active in denominational affairs in that state, having served on numerous committees of the Convention. He has served as vice-president of the Convention, president of the Executive Board for two terms, a member of the Executive Board of the Baptist Memorial Hospital at Memphis for 14 years and of its Executive Committee for three years.

Mrs. Prince was formerly Miss Helen Harris Miley of Brinkley, Tennessee. She is a graduate of MSCW and had special training at Southwestern Seminary.

Their only son, Lee, is a junior in high school.

Dr. Prince will begin his work at Fifth Avenue with a Week of Prayer, January 1-5, in cooperation with the plans of the convention. A goal has been set for 300 in attendance.

East Church Promotes Visitation Program



Shown above is one group of visitors who go out each week from the East Church, Greenville. Reading left to right they are: Mrs. R. J. Sheridan, Mrs. John Rose, Mrs. Homer Webb, Mrs. R. E. Bradbear, Mrs. J. R. Edwards, Mrs. H. Holland, Mrs. Paul Watson, Mrs. Frank Kelly, Mrs. Homer W. Roberson, and Pastor Homer W. Roberson.

THE BAPTIST RECORD IS GRATEFUL to Mrs. O. L. Mitchell and the Gooden Lake Church in Humphreys County for a nice list of subscriptions.

AMONG RECENT VISITORS IN THE Baptist Building were: Dan Ray, Tutwiler; Bobby Rendall and Keith Pearson, Tutwiler; Minnie F. Smith, Claudell McInnis, Glenn McInnis, and Dan Kelly Hux, Wesson; Rev. H. B. Speights, Columbia; Rev. Billy Fancher, Mel C. Craft, Jr., Clinton; Rev. Fredrich Askgren, Clinton; Rev. Elwin R. Anderson, Jacksonville, Fla.; Rev. J. B. Watkins, Newhebron; Dr. L. Bracey Campbell, Clinton; Rev. J. A. Terrell, McComb; Rev. Earl Brooks, Hopewell; Miss Rose Ellen Goodrich, Nashville; Bill Keith, Jackson, Rev. H. G. Thrash, Gallman.

THE CENTERFIELD CHURCH, Bolivar County, has turned their old building around and made it into an educational building and are progressing nicely with the construction of a new auditorium. This church was one of the first that was begun under the associational mission program several years ago.

Among the many programs sponsored by the East Church, Greenville is a weekly organized visitation program which is proving a marvelous success.

The ladies of the church meet each Thursday morning at 9:30 and spend the day visiting absentees and prospects, coming back to the church for lunch and new assignments at noon. The men meet each Thursday evening at 7:00 o'clock and visit for at least two hours.

As a result of their organized visitation program, the church has grown in membership and Sunday school attendance to the extent that there is not available class room to organize a new class. Plans are under way for the erection of an auditorium which will have a seating capacity of twelve hundred and the erection of another wing to the educational building.

Last year the East church received recognition as being twenty-fourth in percentage of baptisms in the Southern Baptist Convention, having baptized ninety-three people. Much of the credit for this record goes to those who visit weekly.

Dr. N. W. Cox Resigns First Church, Meridian To Become Secretary Historical Commission

Dr. Norman W. Cox has resigned the pastorate of the First Church, Meridian, in order to accept the position of the Executive Secretary of the Historical Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention. Dr. Cox submitted his resignation on Sunday morning, December 17. But on Sunday afternoon of the same day the deacons held a meeting and unanimously asked that he reconsider his resignation. Dr. Cox has the matter under consideration.

Dr. Cox has served the First Church, Meridian, twice as pastor. His first pastorate was from 1927-31, and the second began in June, 1939, and has continued until now. Other pastorates include First Church, Barnesville, Ga.; Court Street Church, Portsmouth, Va.; First Church, Savannah, Ga.; First Church, Mobile, Ala.; Fifth Avenue Church, Huntington, W. Va. At the present time Dr. Cox is the Mississippi member of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention.

During his present pastorate at Meridian there has been erected one of the most modern educational plants in the South. One person in describing it said "It has everything."

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HINDS BTU HAS 'M' NIGHT

Thirty churches and one chapel were represented at the "M" night program of the Hinds County Training Union on December 11 at the Calvary Church. More than 900 attended.

Churches rating 100% were: Bethesda, Bolton, Byram, Chapel Hill, Elaine, Forest Hill, Leavell Woods, Midway, Palestine, Salem, Southside, Terry, Van Winkle, West Jackson and Westview.

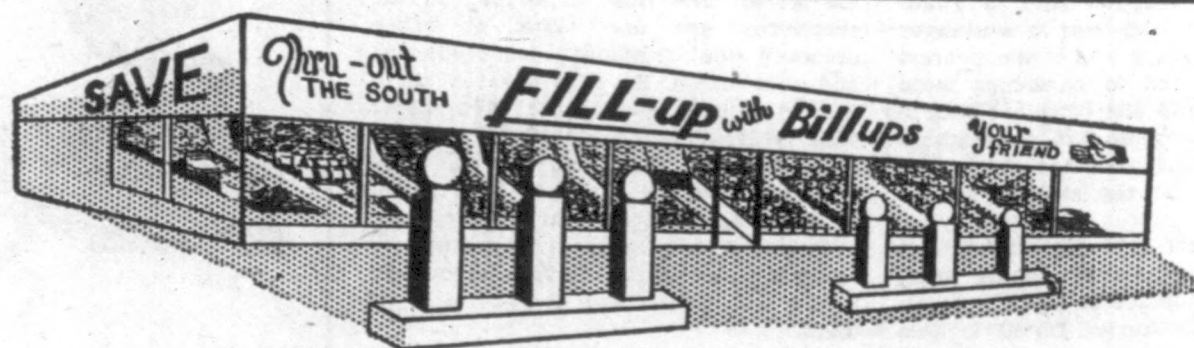
Those taking part in the program, which was under the direction of Mrs. Lewis Yarbrough, were: Rev. S. W. Valentine, Rev. Gordon Sansing, W. C. Ward, Dr. Harold Basden, Miss Marion Robinette, organist, and Mrs. Roy Womack, pianist.

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LOUISIANA BAPTISTS HAVE ADOPTED a budget of \$766,500 for 1951. Included in this amount is a \$10,000 allocation for the Baptist State paper, the BAPTIST MESSAGE.



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